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Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 11777

I wrote to you on 4 December regarding your request for information. You asked:

1. What financial support did the Welsh Government provide Dragon International Studios and Westair Properties Ltd during the construction of Dragon Studios in Llanilid?
2. What non-financial support did the Welsh Government provide Dragon International Studios and Westair Properties Ltd during the construction of Dragon Studios in Llanilid?
3. Did the Welsh Government provide financial assistance to Twentieth Century Fox Television UK (TCFTV UK) in attracting and securing their use of Dragon studios in 2015? Additionally, what non-financial assistance was provided?
4. Did the Welsh Government provide financial assistance to TNT in attracting and securing their use of Dragon studios in 2016-17? Additionally, what non-financial assistance was provided?
5. If the Welsh Government did provide financial support in any of the above two case, how much money was provided?

I confirm we hold information caught by your request. For your first request, I can advise that £4.5m Regional Selective Assistance was awarded to Dragon International Studios in June 2005, the offer was not accepted and no funds were paid out. £2.4 m was awarded from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to Westair of which £685,564 was paid out. The Welsh Government has not provided any non-financial support to Dragon International Studios and Westair Properties Ltd. during the construction of Dragon Studios.



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Twentieth Century Fox Television UK (TCFTV UK) received a £2.5m investment in return for spending £15.3m in the local economy. Officials accompanied the Showrunner, Director and Senior Vice President Production of Twentieth Century Fox TV on recces to Wales to view a series of locations including alternative build space, park land, historical monuments and beaches. Officials also assisted Fox with working with the local authority (Rhondda Cynon Taf) on resolving issues with planning permission and business rates at Dragon Studios.

TNT's 'Will' received a £1.5m investment from the Welsh Government in return for spending £19.6m spend in the local economy. Officials accompanied the Directors and Senior Executives from TNT on recces to Wales to view a series of locations including alternative build space, park land and historical monuments.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

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However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely